

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (currently amended)      An apparatus for evacuation of a storage bag comprising:
  - a case;
  - a flange fixedly mounted on said case, said flange operatively arranged to couple with a valve on said storage bag and said flange comprising a flat annular ring operatively arranged to form a seal with said valve;
  - a fan, said fan operatively arranged to draw air through said flange and through said coupled valve; and,
  - a motor operatively arranged to drive said fan.
2. (original)      The apparatus recited in Claim 1 further comprising:
  - a switch, said switch operatively arranged to be actuated by said valve of said storage bag when said storage bag is coupled to said flange, said switch enabling said motor to receive power when said switch is actuated.
3. (original)      The apparatus recited in Claim 1 further comprising:
  - rechargeable batteries operatively arranged to supply power to said motor, said batteries operatively arranged to be recharged by an AC power connection.
4. (original)      The apparatus recited in Claim 3 further comprising an indicator operatively arranged to indicate when said batteries are recharging.

5. (original)                      The apparatus recited in Claim 4 wherein said indicator is a light emitting diode.

6. (new)                      An apparatus for evacuation of a storage bag comprising:  
                                 a case;  
                                 a flange fixedly mounted on said case, said flange operatively arranged to couple with a valve on said storage bag;  
                                 a fan, said fan operatively arranged to draw air through said flange and through said coupled valve;  
                                 a motor operatively arranged to drive said fan; and,  
                                 a switch, said switch operatively arranged to be actuated by said valve of said storage bag when said storage bag is coupled to said flange, said switch enabling said motor to receive power when said switch is actuated.